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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
US ARMY COMMUNITY AND FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER  
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## MEMORANDUM FOR ALL NAF CONTRACTING OFFICES

### SUBJECT: Veterinary-Approved Food Sources

1. The Veterinary Command has issued a letter dated 28 March 2003 that food for Army consumption must originate only from Approved Sources, as defined in AR 40-657 (as changed), *Veterinary/Medical Food Inspection and Laboratory Service*, and the U.S. Army Veterinary Command Circular 40-1, 5 June 2002, *Directory of Sanitarily Approved Food Establishments for Armed Forces Procurement*.

a. The possibility exists that food could be a target for intentional contamination, and for that reason, effective 1 July 2003, food received at any Army, Navy or Marine Corps facility that does not originate from Approved Sources (unless exempt by AR 40-657) will be deemed to be a safety risk.

b. In addition, procurement activities will no longer be permitted to offer a "grace period" to vendors to achieve approved source status.

3. Installation and regional NAF contracting offices should obtain AR 40-657, which provides information of particular interest to NAF activities. It provides good information and specifically addresses the NAFI in Paragraph 1-1 of the regulation. Paragraph 1-6 discusses policy for shipment of food into overseas commands. Contracting offices shall also obtain a copy of the circular cited above, *Directory of Sanitarily Approved Food Establishments for Armed Forces Procurement*, a required publication.

4. It is incumbent on the contracting professionals at the installation or regional level that they ensure that the food to be consumed in their facilities comes only from the Approved Sources discussed above. The Joint Services Prime Vendor Food program is subject to these requirements – the contracts specifically state that their foods and goods be from the Approved Sources. Other food sources, however, may not be so regulated at this time, and must be reviewed promptly for compliance with the new requirements.

5. AR 40-657 is available as an electronic PDF file, and may be obtained as follows—

[http://www.usapa.army.mil/pdffiles/r40\\_657.pdf](http://www.usapa.army.mil/pdffiles/r40_657.pdf)

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6. Circular 40-1, a required publication, may be found at the Veterinary Command website—

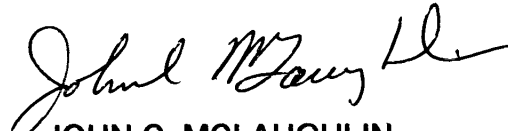
<http://vets.amedd.army.mil/vetcom/index.html>

or be obtained from:

Commander  
U.S. Army Health Services Command  
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7. A copy of the Veterinary Command memorandum is included with this memorandum. POCs for this action are Paula Davis, 703/681-5283 (DSN 761), e-mail [paula.davis@cfsc.army.mil](mailto:paula.davis@cfsc.army.mil) or Marilu Clarke, 703/681-5280 (DSN 761), e-mail [marilu.clarke@cfsc.army.mil](mailto:marilu.clarke@cfsc.army.mil).

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MEMORANDUM FOR Commanders, Regional Veterinary Commands

SUBJECT: Non-Approved Food Sources

1. References.

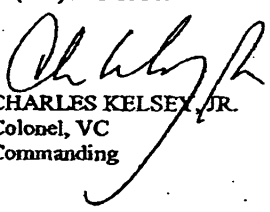
a. Reference AR 40-657, as changed, Veterinary/Medical Food Inspection and Laboratory Service.

b. US Army Veterinary Command Circular 40-1, 5 June 2002, Directory of Sanitarily Approved Food Establishments for Armed Forces Procurement.

2. With the increased possibility that food may be a target of intentional contamination, it is paramount that foods originate only from Approved Sources, as defined in AR 40-657 and the *Directory of Sanitarily Approved Food Establishments for Armed Forces Procurement*. Procurement officials must ensure that all food is purchased only from these Approved Sources. Effective 1 July 2003, within the Veterinary Command area of responsibility, foods received at any Army, Navy, or Marine Corps facility that do not originate from an approved source (unless categorized as exempt as defined by AR 40-657) will be deemed a potential food safety risk.

3. Procurement activities will no longer be given a grace period for vendors to achieve approved source status.

4. Our points of contact are LTC Leslie Huck and Mr. Robert Kilburn, Food Safety and Public Health Directorate, DSN 471-6510 or Commercial (210) 221-6510.

  
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